

The Mayor is the city's Chief Executive Officer and is responsible for the efficient and orderly administration of city affairs. He presides over all meetings of the City Council but votes only in the case of a tie and has veto power. The Mayor also executes contracts, deeds and other official documents as authorized by the City Council.

Mark Mathews was elected as Mayor in 2008. He grew up Kennesaw and attended Due West Elementary, Awtrey Middle, and North Cobb High Schools. He began his community involvement in 1987 when he became the president of the Kennesaw Springs Homeowners Association. He served on the initial boards of the Kennesaw Downtown Development Authority as well as the Kennesaw Development Authority. In 1996, he was elected to the Kennesaw City Council and served on the Council for 12 years. In 2008, he was sworn in as Mayor of Kennesaw, with a term of office ending in December of 2011.

Mark actively pursues continuing education in municipal management and leadership as well as additional community service. He serves on the Kennesaw State University Citizen Advisory Board and is a board member of the Atlanta Regional Commission. In addition to his civic responsibilities, he is an experienced businessman. He was the Vice President, then President of Mathews Abbey Flooring. Mark is currently employed as the Manager of Government Affairs for MetroAtlanta Ambulance Service in Marietta, where his responsibilities include building relationships with elected and non-elected officials while keeping officials informed on EMS related issues.

Mark and Betsy, his wife of 22 years, have a son, Nick, and a daughter, Emily. He is an active member of Kennesaw United Methodist Church and resides in Kennesaw's Legacy Park subdivision.

See Mayor Mathews' 2010 State of the City presentation {[phocadownload](#)  
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